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CHDS Professor Nadav Morag was presented the Lieutenant Commander David L. Williams Outstanding Professor Award at the university's Winter Quarter Awards ceremony, March 17. The award is presented to the faculty member of the School of International Graduate Studies who has demonstrated the greatest dedication to the learning and intellectual growth of students, in residence and abroad, and through that dedication has had the greatest impact on the individual students and the course as a whole.

Dr. Morag has been with the Center since 2005 and teaches three courses in the CHDS Master's Degree Program: Policy Analysis and Research Methods, Comparative Government for Homeland Security, and Research Colloquium. He has served as advisor on over twenty student theses, including Stephanie Blum's "Necessary Evil of Preventive Detention: a Plan for a More Moderate and Sustainable Solution," the December 2008 Outstanding Thesis Award winner, and the first student thesis to be published as a book. He is the creator of the popular "Global Jihadi Threat" self-study course available on the CHDS website. Dr. Morag is also the recipient of the CHDS Cohort 0703-04 Impact Award, presented on behalf of the students, for his excellence and innovation in the delivery of instruction, mentorship, and support.

Dr. Morag also holds positions as associate professor and chair of the Department of Political Science at the American Jewish University in Los Angeles, as well as senior research consultant at the University's Center for Israel Studies. He serves as a member of the Los Angeles County and Orange County Sheriff's Departments' Homeland Security Advisory Council and is a member of the Los Angeles County Terrorism Early Warning Group. Between 2001 and 2003, he served initially as senior director for domestic policy and subsequently as senior director for foreign policy at Israel's National Security Council, where he was responsible for producing policy recommendations on matters of national security for the prime minister and the Cabinet.

"We are honored to have Nadav onboard as a faculty member at the Center. We know we will continue to see his professionalism and dedication to teaching shine through in the years to come," said CHDS Director Glen Woodbury.

Previous award winners from CHDS have included: Associate Professor David Tucker, Department of Defense Analysis; Professor Richard Bergin, Center for Homeland Defense and Security; Chris Bellavita, Center for Homeland Defense and Security Director of Academic Programs; and Professor Robert L. Simeral, Center for Homeland Defense and Security.



The Outstanding Professor Award was presented for the first time in March 2004, and is granted each quarter by the School of International Studies Department of National Security Affairs. The award honors the memory and service of Lieutenant Commander David L. Williams (USN), a Naval Postgraduate School alumnus killed in the terrorist attack on the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001.

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